Setting up of Captive Power Station for Port Trusts

1468. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to set up captive power stations for Port Trusts;

(b) if so, whether such a captive power station is also proposed for Visakhapatnam Port Trust;

(c) whether the Port Trusts would supply surplus power to the local city grid; and

(d) if so, what are the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) To meet their requirement of power the Port can consider setting up of captive power plans. No formal proposal in this regard has been received from any one of the ports for approval of the Government as yet.

Construction of New Highways in East and West Godavari Districts

1469. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake any new highway construction projects in West Godavari and East Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details theroef;

(c) whether it is a fact that national highways in those districts are in bad shap; and

(d) the steps proposed to improve the condition of national highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for improvement of Vijayawada-Eluru section in km. 3.40 to 75.00 of National Highway No. 5, of which portion from km. 46.40 to 75.00 including construction of Eluru by-pass falls in West Godavari district.

(c) and (d) All National Highways including those falling in these districts are maintained in a traffic worthy condition subject to availability of funds.

Taking over of Highway as National Highways

1470. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of highways have been taken over as national highways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) what is the amount likely to be spent on widening and repairing of roads, as well as laying of by-pass roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A number of State Roads aggregating to 34,058 km. have so far been included in the National highway.

(b) A statement indicating details of National Highways State-wise is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) Against an outlay of Rs. 2460 Crore for the development of National Highways during the 8th Plan (1992-97), which includes widening